Resource Sharing Between DHS and IVRS for Supported Employment Services

This document explains how <u>Supported Employment Services (SES)</u> are funded for mutual job candidates who are eligible for both <u>IVRS</u> Services and <u>DHS State Plan HABILITATION or WAIVER</u> Services. Funding braided between <u>IVRS</u> and <u>DHS HABILITATION OR WAIVER</u> for SES depends on whether an individual is on or off a waiting list, their age, and the service responsibilities agreed to by each agency.

SES for individuals under age 24 (IVRS)

Effective 11/13/14, for job candidates under age 24 who are eligible for both IVRS and DHS State Plan HABILITATION or WAIVER and who require Supported Employment Services, IVRS implemented a *Memorandum of Agreement* with DHS to establish IVRS as the payer of first resort for individualized services necessary to obtain and stabilize in integrated community employment. Services can include any of the following:

Job Development	Customized Employment	Job Coaching **
IVRS 15 minute units: \$16.37/unit Initial authorization: 160 units with one extension of 80 units, not to exceed 240 units	IVRS 15 minute units: \$16.37/unit as part of SES to negotiate with employer up to 40 units	IVRS 15 minute units: \$11.18/unit based on the number of hours a job candidate works - to be negotiated between IVRS and team for up to a two month period of time.
\$65.48/hour Up to 40 hours with one extension of 20 hours, not to exceed 60 hours total	\$65.48/hour Up to ten hours	\$44.72/hour Up to 120 hours

There is <u>no requirement</u> that people must get a job of at least 10 hours a week in order to receive services to obtain a job from IVRS. IVRS cases in which a job candidate works less than 10 hours a week require an explanation of why this individual cannot work more than 10 hours and supervisory review/approval prior to closure.

The MOA between DHS and IVRS is found on this link: http://www.ivrs.iowa.gov/partners/MOAforDHSIVRSAugust262014.pdf

**NOTE: THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN IVRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER THIS DHS AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS IN TRANSITION RECEIVING SES UNDER AN IEP!

SES for individuals age 24 and above (DHS/IVRS)

Effective 11/13/14 for job candidates age 24 and above, the WAIVER pays for Job Development, and Job Coaching. IVRS funds may pay for Customized Employment and employment services not listed (Discovery, Workplace Readiness Assessment, etc.). IVRS also supplements WAIVER funds providing Job Development as deemed necessary, such as when WAIVER funds end. This is in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement with DHS and IVRS.

Job Development	Customized Employment	Job Coaching
State Plan HABILITATION	IVRS	State Plan Habilitation or WAIVER
or WAIVER (T2018)		(H2025)
15 minute units:	15 minute units:	Unit = One Month
\$16.36/unit	\$16.37/unit as part of SES	Payment varies depending on
Initial authorization: 160	to negotiate with employer	amount of support needed:
units	up to 40 units	Tier 0: Minimum 1
Limit 240 units per		contact/month Payment =
calendar year.	\$65.48/hour	\$67/month
	Up to ten hours	Tier 1: 2 -8 hours support/month
		Payment = \$358/month
		Tier 2: 9-16 hours support/month
		Payment = \$715/month
		Tier 3:17-24 hours support/month
		Payment = \$1,073/month
		Exception = 25 or more hours
		support/month
		Payment: Hourly @ \$44.71/hour

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Additional SES information can be found in the 2015 <u>Menu of Services Manual</u> on this link: http://www.ivrs.iowa.gov/partners/partners.html

SES for IVRS-Eligible Individuals Waiting for WAIVER

A job candidate eligible for IVRS who is waiting for services from WAIVER can be served by IVRS.

Until WAIVER funds are available, IVRS may fund all SES employment services which may include Job Development, Customized Employment and Job Coaching. (See table below). Services for SES are authorized by IVRS until the time WAIVER funds become available. If/when that occurs, IVRS would cancel any unused authorization(s) for remaining services so that WAIVER funding could begin, except in IVRS cases involving SES for individuals under age 24.

SES for IVRS-Eligible Individuals Ineligible for State Plan HABILITATION or WAIVER

For IVRS-eligible job candidates who do not qualify for State Plan HABILITATION or WAIVER, IVRS may fund all SES employment services which can include Job Development, Customized Employment and Job Coaching. (See table below).

Job Development	Customized Employment	Job Coaching
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Identified source for long-term job coaching services, to the extent needed by the individual, is required for IVRS Supported Employment Services. Funding (or sources) to provide these services can include county funding, natural supports, PASS, IRWE, MH worker, Independent Living, or other no-cost resources. The source providing long-term job coaching, to the extent needed by the individual, is identified on the IVRS Plan for Employment (IPE) and SES Placement Agreement (Section IV. of Employment Analysis form). A plan for natural supports requires a detailed description of how the natural support will be trained and the agreement on how to connect with the long-term provider when difficulties arise requiring more continued involvement by the CRP.